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SUBJ: EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING,
VENICE, SEPTEMBER 11 AND 12

1. GIVEN FACT OF THE WEEKEND PLUS SOCIAL ACTIVITIES BEING OFFERED BY GOI IN VENICE AREA TO DELEGATES AND STAFF OF THE CONFERENCE, WE DOUBT WE WILL BE ABLE TO FIND A QUALIFIED BRIEFER IN MFA TO OBTAIN COMPREHENSIVE READOUT ON THE MEETING UNTIL MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15. IN MEANTIME, HOWEVER, BELOW ARE SUMMARIZED PRINCIPAL POINTS OF INFORMATION PASSED TO DEPARTMENT (RPE) BY TELEPHONE EVENINGS OF ELEVENTH AND TWELFTH. TEXTS OF THE FIVE STATEMENTS APPROVED BY THE MINISTERS ARE BEING TRANSMITTED BY SEPARATE UNCLASSIFIED CABLES.

2. LUXEMBOURG'S THORN ARRIVED ONLY IN EVENING OF 11TH. IN CONSEQUENCE, MINISTERS AGREED AT OPENING (1530 HOURS LOCAL) TO DEFER UN-RELATED ITEMS UNTIL 12TH.

3. UK DELEGATION THEN SAID IS HAD WHAT IT CONSIDERED RELIABLE INFORMATION THAT TWELVE MEMBERS OF ETHIOPIAN IMPERIAL FAMILY WOULD BE SHOT AT DAWN ON SEPTEMBER 12. A BRITISH DEMARCHE TO EPMG HAD "BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL". UK SUGGESTED AN EC-NINE DEMARCHE "IF ONLY TO ALERT WORLD OPINION". MINISTERS, HOWEVER, DECIDED TO PROCEED PRIVATELY "IN ORDER NOT TO RAISE TEMPERS" AND INSTRUCTED ITALIAN PRESIDENCY TO MOVE PROMPTLY VIS-A-VIS EPMG IN ROME OF ADDIS ON BASIS OF TEXT DEVELOPED BY A WORKING GROUP. TEXT WOULD BE MADE PUBLIC ONLY IF DEMARCHE DID NOT SUCCEED.

4. MIDDLE EAST.

A. ARAB/ISRAEL DISPUTE. MINSTERS AUTHORIZED A STATEMENT (SEPTTEL) WHICH, WHILE EXPRESSING SATISFACTION AT THE LATEST ACCORDS, AND WHILE CONGRATULATING THE TWO PARTIES PLUS THE US, ALSO STRESSED THE NEED FOR FURTHER STEPS TOWARD A DEFINITIVE
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SETTLEMENT IN THE AREA.

B. AID TO EGYPT. MINISTERS APPROVED SUCH AID, TO BE CARRIES OUT ON BILATERAL BASIS. FRG'S GENSCHER IN REMARKS TO PRESS SAID THAT FRG, BEYOND ITS ONGOING REGULAR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, WAS PREPARED TO LAUNCH AT \$50 MILLION PROGRAM AS SOON AS IT CAN BE ORGANIZED. HE SAID OTHERS PRESENT (NOT CLEAR WHETHER HE MEANT ALL OTHERS) HAD EITHER INDICATED THE AMOUNT OF THEIR

PROGRAM OF THEIR AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM.

C. EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE. MINISTERS RELEASED A SHORT STATEMENT (SEPTTEL) APPROVING OF THE DIALOGUE'S WORK AT THE EXPERT LEVEL AND NOTING ITS POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE.

5. UNITED NATIONS.

A. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE QUESTIONS OF KOREA, NAMIBIA, RHODESIA, ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS AND THE PROBLEM OF BLOC VOTING WERE DISCUSSED BY THE EIGHT WITH THORN AT A LUNCH ON THE TWELFTH. THE NATURE AND OUTCOME OF THOSE TALKS, INDEED THE FACT THAT THEY TOOK PLACE, ARE REPORTEDLY BEING HELD MOST CLOSELY TO PROTECT THORN FROM POSSIBLE LATER CHARGES WHEN UNGA PRESIDENT THAT HE HAS TAKEN INSTRUCTION FROM THE EC.

B. CYPRUS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE MINISTERS AGREED THAT, WHILE ACTING MOST DISCRETELY IN ORDER TO AVOID OFFENDING SECGEN WALDHEIM, THEY INTEND TO BE MORE ACTIVE ON THE CYPRUS ISSUE THAN THEIR AUTHORIZED STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT (SEPTTEL) WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE.

C. THE MINISTERS AGREED (SEPTTEL) TO CONTINUE TO CONCERT BY CONSULTATION AMONG THE NINE IN NEW YORK. THEY REQUESTED THE ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER IN THE PRESIDENCY CAPACITY TO USE A PORTION OF HIS SPEECH AT THE UNGA TO SPEAK SPECIFICALLY ON BEHALF OF THE NINE. FINALLY, THE MINISTERS EXPRESSED THEIR SATISFACTION WITH THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION AND FOR THE SPIRIT WHICH THERE PREVAILED, A SPIRIT TO WHICH THEY FELT THE EC HAD CONTRIBUTED.

6. PORTUGAL. AFTER WELCOMING THE EFFORTS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE DEMOCRATIC FORCES IN PORTUGAL, THE MINISTERS EX-
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PRESSED THE HOPE (SEPTTEL) THAT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS WOULD PERMIT PUTTING INTO EFFECT THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL'S (EARLIER) DECISION REGARDING ECONOMIC AID FROM THE COMMUNITY.

7. THE MINISTERS SET THE DATE FOR THE NEXT EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING AS DECEMBER 1 AND 2 IN ROME.

8. FOLLOWING DRAFTING OF FOREGOING WE HAVE RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO BE BRIEFED BY DIRGEN FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS PLAJA AS HE TRANSITS ROME TOMORROW AFTERNOON. VOLPE

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